

MICROGRAPHIA

regular pieces, *a b c d*, and *e f*; The *Warp*, or the thread t
Riband, appear'd like a single Rope of an Inch Diam
or the thread that ran the length of the Riband, ap
big. Each Inch of six-peny-broad Riband appearing
of Matting Inch and half thick, and twelve foot squa
this, would be enough to floor the long Gallery of
But to return to our piece of Riband: It affords us a
ject, appearing like a bundle, or wreath, of very cle
Cylinders, if the Silk be white, and curiously ting'd; if
of those small horney *Cylinders* affording in some plac
as vivid a reflection, as if it had been sent from a *Cylinder*
In-so-much, that the reflections of Red, appear'd as
many *Granates*, or *Rubies*. The loveliness of the colo
those of hairy Stuffs, or Linnen, consisting, as I else-where
the transparency, and vivid reflections from the *Conca*
of the *transparent Cylinder*, as are also the colours, o
for most of the reflections from each of these *Cylind*
Concave surface of the air, which is as 'twere the foil th
Cylinder. The colours with which each of these *Cylind*
partly to be superficial, and sticking to the out-sides of
to be imbib'd, or sunck into the substance of them: fo
be little else then a dried thread of Glew, may be su
easily relaxt, and softened, by being steeped in warm, n
trant, juyces or liquors. And thereby those tinctures,
perhaps but a small part of the substance; yet being so hi
with the colour, as to be almost black with it, may le
strong enough to exhibite the desir'd colour. A pre
cial Stuff I have seen, looking almost like transparent
or lling-glass, and perhaps some such thing it may be m
ing transparent, and of a glutinous nature, and easily
ing in water, as I found upon trial, had imbib'd, and
with a great variety of very vivid colours, and to the na
very like the substance of the Silk. And I have often t
bably there might be a way found out, to make an a
composition, much resembling, if not full as good, na
Excrement, or whatever other substance it be out of whi
wire-draws his clew. If such a composition were found
ly an easie matter to find very quick ways of drawing
wires for use. I need not mention the use of such an Inv
nefit that is likely to accrue to the finder, they being su
This hint therefore, may, I hope, give some Ingenious
an occasion of making some trials, which if successfull, I
I suppose he will have no occasion to be displeas'd.